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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Monte Rio – Live Pipe Bomb Disarmed at Monte Rio Beach

(U) Sheriff's deputies disarmed a live pipe bomb at Monte Rio Beach on 7 July, sheriff's officials said. Deputies responded to Monte Rio Beach at 20400 Bohemian Highway in unincorporated Sonoma County around 11 a.m., according to sheriff's officials. The deputies found a live pipe bomb underneath the Monte Rio Bridge. The deputies closed the bridge and evacuated the surrounding area. The bomb squad responded to the scene and rendered the bomb safe, according to sheriff's officials.

SOURCE: 7 July 2018, [Fox News](#)

(U) San Bernardino – Two Motorcyclists Shot, One Killed on California Freeway

(U) One motorcyclist was killed and another was wounded early on 6 July when they were shot on a Southern California freeway while wearing the insignia of a motorcycle gang, police said. A group of three motorcyclists, including the two victims, was riding on State Route 210 in San Bernardino when one had mechanical trouble, prompting them to pull into the center median, said Lt. Mike Madden, a police spokesman. Investigators believe they were stopped for less than five minutes when shots were fired, he said. Shawn Fowler, 44, of Utah was killed and a second man was wounded. Detectives are still trying to figure out whether the gunshots came from a passing vehicle.

SOURCE: 6 July 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – Illegal Border Crossings Decrease for First Time in 2018

(U) San Diego – Fewer people were caught crossing the US-Mexico border illegally in June than in the previous three months, the first time the number of arrivals decreased in 2018. The number of people caught crossing decreased about 15 percent from May to June, according to Customs and Border Protection. Border Patrol agents apprehended 40,344 people crossing the Southwest border illegally in May and 34,114 people in June. The number of people coming to ports of entry along the border without documents necessary to come into the US, called "inadmissibles" by CBP, also dropped about 27 percent, from 11,568 in May to 8,451 in June. Along the California border, arrivals mirrored the border-wide trend from May to June. Border Patrol agents apprehended 5,343 people along the California border in June, a 12 percent drop from the 6,102 apprehended in May. The number of inadmissibles along the California border dropped 30 percent from 3,302 in May to 2,296 in June.

SOURCE: 6 July 2018, [The San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

(U) Mexico – Mexico Extradites Sinaloa Cartel Leader

(U) Juarez - Sinaloa cartel leader Damaso Lopez was extradited on 6 July from the border city of Ciudad Juarez to the United States, Mexico's federal attorney general's office said. Known by his alias "El Licenciado," which is a title for college graduates, Lopez was the right-hand man of drug kingpin Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman and helped him escape from a Mexican prison in 2001. After Guzman's arrest in

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2016, he led a faction against Guzman's sons for control of the Sinaloa cartel. Acting Attorney General Alberto Elias Beltran said Lopez "is potentially a key witness" against Guzman, who is facing trial in the United States. Lopez, 52, has been charged in the US with conspiring to distribute cocaine and commit money laundering and could face life imprisonment if convicted.

SOURCE: 6 July 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Haiti – US State Department Issues Security Alert for Haiti**

(U) Port-au-Prince – Amid violent protests in Port-au-Prince, the US Embassy in Haiti issued an emergency notification yesterday informing US citizens they should "shelter in place" and not travel to the airport unless they'd confirmed their flight was departing. "Flights are cancelled today and the airport has limited food and water available," the notice said. Internet, phone lines and other telecommunications services have been affected on the island, and "it may be difficult to reach people through normal communication methods," the notice stated. The embassy is continuing to monitor the situation in Haiti, where protests have erupted after the government hiked fuel prices.

SOURCE: 8 July 2018, [Newsweek](#)

(U) Somalia – Nine People Killed in Attack on Somalia's Interior Ministry

(U) Mogadishu – A least nine people were killed in an attack on Somalia's interior ministry and security forces killed all three attackers after a two-hour gun battle police said on 7 July, as the al-Shabab extremist group claimed responsibility. A number of people, mostly government workers, had been trapped in the ministry on what had been a normal business day. Witnesses said some staffers died or were injured while leaping from windows or walls in an effort to escape. More than 10 people were wounded and the death toll could rise, Col. Ahmed Mohamed said. The attack began in the morning when a suicide car bomber detonated at the gates of the interior ministry compound, which is close to the presidential palace and parliament headquarters and also holds the security ministry, police Capt. Mohamed Hussein told The Associated Press.

SOURCE: 7 July 2018, [Associated Press](#)

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